Certification Staffing Assignment
SCHOOL NURSE
(Kindergarten-12)

The School Nurse involves the science or art of the knowledge and competence required in addressing the health care needs of school-aged children in grades Kindergarten-12.

Grade Level Scope of Certificate:
A person holding a valid PA certificate as a School Nurse is qualified to serve in elementary, middle or secondary levels as a school nurse/health services provider in grades Kindergarten through 12.

Certification Assignment:
An educator holding a valid PA certificate as a School Nurse is qualified to provide information and services in school health related areas; assess, document and manage the health care needs of children in grades Kindergarten-12, including those with disabilities; and to recognize symptoms and consequences of safety and environmental factors.

Special Considerations:
The certified School Nurse may serve at all school levels. A School Nurse may not serve as a teacher of nursing unless also holding the appropriate Vocational Instructional Certificate. School nurses may supplement instruction on a non-assigned basis in health classes.

An educator certified in this field may provide school staff development services regarding their collegial studies/skills.

Restrictions:
When a school district employs an individual in the job title "school nurse," this person must be a certified School Nurse whether employed as a professional or temporary professional.

School districts may elect to use paraprofessional health room aides to supplement the certified school nurse in providing health services.

References:
Program Specific Guidelines for Certification

Other CSPG's for Reference:

22 PA Code: Chapter 49: §49.11
§49.81
§49.102-3

PA Public School Code: §1202
§1212
§1604

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